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ABSTRACT

This bibliography presents a representative selection of books and periodical articles (most published since 1979) for parents concerned with guiding the development of their preschool handicapped children. The first section lists 29 books and articles addressing major parental issues and concerns such as parenting skills, coping, advocacy, family life, home care, services; and specific disabilities including blindness, wheelchair-bound, neurological impairments, learning disabilities, and cerebral palsy. The bibliography's second section lists 15 citations dealing with activities for developing skills in preschool handicapped children. Ideas for toys, games, and other developmental activities are presented in these resources. Nine periodicals for parents of preschool children (some especially for parents of exceptional children) are cited in the next section, followed by four periodicals for preschool (but not necessarily exceptional) children. Seven related bibliographies and 19 reference circulars, covering such areas as accessibility, attitudes toward handicapped people, braille, and spoken-word recordings, are listed in the final section. (CB)

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INTRODUCTION

This bibliography consists of a representative selection of books and periodical articles from the large and expanding body of literature concerned with guiding the development of handicapped children during the preschool years. Emphasis is on publications appearing since 1979. An attempt has been made to include material on all major issues and concerns confronting parents in their efforts to promote the development of their handicapped children in the critical early years of life.

The books cited were in print at the time this bibliography was compiled and can be purchased through bookstores or directly from their publishers. Most of the books should also be available on loan from local public libraries. In cases where publishers' addresses are not readily available from libraries or bookstores, they are shown following the citations.

Subscriptions to the periodicals listed in Section II should be ordered directly from the publishers indicated. Prices of books, as well as periodical subscriptions, change frequently and should be verified before ordering.

The reference circular, Parents Guide to the Development of Preschool Handicapped Children, contains additional information of interest on the subject of this bibliography. Copies of the reference circular may be obtained free on request from the Reference Section, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542.

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Biklen, Douglas. Let our children go: an organizing manual for advocates and parents. Syracuse, NY: Human Policy Press, 1974. 144p. $3.50.

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Burns, Joan. Emotional aspects of parenting a child with a handicap. Interactions, winter, 1980-1981: 1-4. (Information Services, Harry A. Weisman Center on Mental Retardation and Human Development, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1500 Highland Avenue, Madison, WI 53706).

Buscaglia, Leo, ed. The disabled and their parents: a counseling challenge. Rev. ed. Thorofare, NJ: Slack, Inc., 1983. 382p. $14.95.

Collection of articles written by professional counselors and experienced lay persons dealing with the responsibility and role of the family, legal rights of handicapped persons, and counseling of disabled people and their families.

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Ford, Susan. Blind preschoolers: some personal experiences. Future reflections, v. 1, Oct.- Nov. 1982: 24-26. (National Federation of the Blind, Magazine for Parents of Blind Children, P.O. Box 1947, Boise, ID 83701).

Personal experiences and resolutions in coping with the special problems encountered in raising young blind children.

Jones, Monica L. Home care for the chronically ill or disabled child: a manual and sourcebook for parents and professionals. New York: Harper and Row, 1985. 306p. $25.00.

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McCollum, Jeanette. Parenting an infant with a disability: a practical guide for intervention. The exceptional parent, v. 14, Oct.- Nov. 1984: 45-50.

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Answers questions parents frequently ask about health and rehabilitation, education, legal rights, recreation, and service organizations.

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The Preschool child who is blind. Future reflections, v. 3, Sept.-Oct.-Nov., 1984: 9-13. (National Federation of the Blind, Magazine for Parents of Blind Children, P.O. Box 1947, Boise, ID 83701).

Suggestions for giving a blind child opportunities for social interaction with other children.

Russell, L. Mark. Alternatives: a family guide to legal and financial planning for the disabled. Evanston, IL: First Publications, 1983. 194p. $11.95.

Covers the basic elements of financial planning for the special needs of families with handicapped relatives. Includes information on insurance, government benefits, trusts, and guardianships.

Russell, Philippa. The wheelchair child: how handicapped children can enjoy life to its fullest. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1985. 262p. $9.95.

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Explores feelings of guilt parents may experience in making decisions about respite care facilities, special schools, and other situations where their child is separated from the family.

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Woodruff, Geneva. Transdisciplinary approach for preschool children and parents. The exceptional parent, v. 10, June 1980: 13-16.

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Zang, Barbara, ed. How to get help for kids: a reference guide to services for handicapped children. Syracuse, NY: Gaylord Professional Publications, 1980. 245p. $29.95.

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Guidance for parents in teaching daily living skills and social development to visually impaired children from birth to age five.

Burtt, Kent Garland, and Karen Kalkstein. Smart toys: for babies from birth to two. New York: Harper and Row, 1981. 166p. $8.95.

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Activities to assist the visually impaired child get an early start in reading braille letters and numbers.

Zegers, Henriette. Touch toys and how to make them. Rockville, MD: Touch Toys, 1981. 78p. $3.00. (P.O. Box 2224 20852).

II. PERIODICALS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO PARENTS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Periodicals for Parents

Awareness. Quarterly. $5/year. National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired, P.O. Box 180806, Austin, TX 78718.

Guidance for parents raising visually impaired children. Announcements of new aids, appliances, and services.

Childhood education. 5 issues/year. $32/year. Association for Childhood Education International, 11141 Georgia Avenue, Suite 200, Wheaton, MD 20902.

Articles on child development and education (infancy through adolescence); reviews of books, films, and periodicals; parents' column.

Children today. Bimonthly. $14/year. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Office of Human Development Services. (For sale by the Supt. of Docs., U.S. Govt. Print. Off., Washington, DC 20402).

For families and professionals who work with children. Regular departments include news and reports from the field; book reviews; a listing of recent U.S. government publications related to children.

Children's world. Bimonthly. $8.50/year. Children's House, Inc., P.O. Box 111, Caldwell, NJ 07006.

Montessori methods of teaching and general topics in elementary and early childhood education and child development; reviews of books, records, and films.

The exceptional parent. Bimonthly. $16/year. Psy-Ed Corp., 605 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215.

Emphasizes problem solving at the parent-child level; practical information for families of disabled children.

Future reflections. Bimonthly. $3/year for individuals, $15/year for institutions. National Federation of the Blind, Magazine for Parents of Blind Children, P.O. Box 1947, Boise, ID 83701.

Information on all aspects of raising visually handicapped children; articles cover subjects such as selecting toys, facts and myths about blindness, and attitudes about blindness; reports on current legislation and educational opportunities.

Handicapped Americans report. Biweekly. $159.72/year. Business Publishers, Inc., 951 Pershing Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Current news and reports about federal, state, and local legislation and programs affecting disabled persons.

Parents' choice. Quarterly. $15/year. Diana H. Green, Parents' Choice Foundation, P.O. Box 185, Waban, MA 02168.

Reviews of children's books, television, movies, records, toys, games, computer software, and video cassettes.

Young children. Bimonthly. $20/year. National Association for the Education of Young Children, 1834 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Articles about recent research and theory in early childhood education and child development; reviews of books and legislation dealing with education.

Periodicals for Preschool Children

Chicadee. 10 issues/year. $12/year. Young Naturalist Foundation, 59 Front Street E., Toronto, Ontario M5E 1B3 CANADA.

Animal stories, articles, games, and puzzles for preschool children.

Sesame street. 10 issues/year. $10.95 year. Children's Television Workshop, 1 Lincoln Plaza, New York, NY 10023.

Activities to help a child interpret pictures, draw, recognize letters and numbers; suggested activities designed for ages 3 to 5 (with parental guidance); includes a section for parents.

Turtle: magazine for preschool kids. 8 issues/year. $11.95/year. 1100 Waterway Boulevard, P.O. Box 567, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Bedtime stories; color-ins, simple puzzles, and illustrated riddles for children ages 2 to 5.

Your big backyard. Monthly. $10/year. National Wildlife Federation, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22180. (Two-part series; each part published as an annual for two years; printed on a repeating cycle).

Color photos of animals, nature topics, and outdoor life; simple crafts, stories, and poems for children ages 3 through 5.

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